

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1 and 4 are pending and under examination in the above-identified application. Claim 1 has been amended adding the language of former original claim 3 and a thickness limitation for the coating based on the disclosure at page 2, line 6 of the specification. Claims 2-3 have been cancelled. Claims 5-8 have been cancelled without prejudice as non-elected subject matter.

The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd para.

The rejection of claim 2 is now moot in view of the cancellation of claim 2 and amended claim 1.

The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The rejection of the pending claims as allegedly anticipated by Holt, et. al., should be withdrawn. The elements of present claim 1 are not within the four walls of the Holt patent. The Holt patent describes a completely different invention directed to double-walled tubes. The passage at Column 30, lines 8-11 refers to electrically conducting metal layers which is not used or required in the present invention as claimed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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